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PROCESS AND SOLUTION FOR PROVIDING A CONVERSION COATING

ON A METALLUC SURFACE II

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 20, 2003 (Paper No. 10), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.